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PARIS FOR NICK MURPHY PASS TO AMBASSADOR MCHENRY

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TAGS: US,AO

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - MCHENRY TRIP TO LUANDA

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2. Q. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT US OFFICIALS, LED BY AMBASSADOR DONALD MCHENRY, ARE ABOUT TO VISIT LUANDA TO CONFER WITH ANGOLAN OFFICIALS?

A. THAT IS CORRECT. AMBASSADOR MCHENRY IS ACCOMPANIED
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A. THEY WILL ARRIVE IN LUANDA LATE ON JUNE 21 AND

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BY LEWIS D. JUNIOR, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CENTRAL AFRICAN AFFAIRS. AMB. MCHENRY IS DEPUTY US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL.

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4. WHOSE IDEA, OURS OR THE ANGOLANS', WAS THIS TRIP?

A. THE TRIP WAS ARRANGED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, FOR DISCUSSION OF OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS OF COMMON INTEREST.

5. Q. CAN YOU GIVE US MORE DETAIL ON WHAT THE TALKS WILL COVER?

A. I HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

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8. Q. DOES THIS MEAN THAT VANCE HAS WON OUT OVER BRZEZINSKI IN THE STRUGGLE OVER AFRICAN POLICY?

A. THERE IS NO BASIS FOR STATING IT IN THOSE TERMS. IN FACT THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE NSC HAVE WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER IN ARRANGING THIS TRIP.

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